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FARMERS' CONVENTION CLOSED THIS FORENOON

STATE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT LUBBOCK EXPERIMENTAL FARM AND FIND ITS WORK IMPORTANT

Senators Joe Burkett and W. H. Bledsoe, and Representative Baldwin, were guests of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce on a tour of inspection of the State Experiment farm three miles east of this place this week.

The officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary club planned the tour and accompanied the legislators. Superintendent R. E. Karper pointed out the developments made by the farm in the past ten years with particular attention given to the alfalfa, grain, sorghum and other feed crops that are being adopted to this section for the greatest yield.

Refreshments were served in a natural way by turning the delegation in on the ever-bearing strawberry patch. These berries have been found by the experiment farm to be particularly fitted to this section with the result that a wide distribution of the plant is being promoted over the entire section.

Special work has been done in alfalfa and this year a considerable amount of seed was distributed among the individual farmers of the county and is being grown under supervision of the farm.

Sudan grass that is so widely being grown as a forage crop all over the United States was first developed through the Lubbock experimental farm. It is estimated that that crop alone has paid the State of Texas many millions of dollars since its introduction into the United States and development by the Lubbock State Farm in 1911.

All three legislators expressed their amazement at the scope of work being accomplished by this station and were surprised at the smallness of the appropriation granted for carrying on this work in view of its value to the farmers of the state.

Superintendent Karper reports that there has been an increase of more than 100 per cent in the average number of inquiries and visitors at the farm in the past six months—especially seeking information on feed crops and truck farming.

BRO. SMITH CLOSSES SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT PORTALES

Bro. Smith has just closed a very successful meeting at Portales, New Mexico, returning home Wednesday of this week. He will fill his pulpit Sunday morning and evening. The church extends a cordial welcome to all to attend these services.

Bro. Smith always brings a message to us that is good to feast upon; come, there is a seat for you. The Eldership.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT OIL CASE GOES TO TRIAL

The case of C. W. Alexander, et al vs. C. H. Grollman was called for trial immediately after the McGadin-Cox suit was disposed of. The jury chosen consists of E. A. Abney, Sam L. Darby, W. C. Grimes, Joe Penney, H. K. Porter, C. L. Quillon, Marshal Rhoades, Frank Riddle, Carroll Thompson, C. C. Porter and L. W. Squyers. This suit involves a commission for the sale of oil royalties, wherein Chas. Alexander and J. P. Posey acted as agent for the owner. It is thought this suit will consume two or three days.

F. F. MAYS AND FAMILY BACK FROM AN EXTENDED VISIT

F. F. Mays and family are back from Dallas and other points east where they have been spending a few months. Mr. Mays said that the report that got started that they had moved away from Lubbock is all a mistake. Lubbock is their home and so far as he can tell it will continue to be.

FORMER CITIZEN HERE AFTER TEN YEARS ABSENCE

John W. Dale and sons, Grover and Luther, passed through Lubbock Monday, enroute to Plemmons, Texas, where they will attend a reunion of the Hedgecoke family. Messrs. Dale were citizens of this city some twelve years ago. The senior Dale was, editor of the Lubbock Leader for a time here, and many of the old timers will remember the family.

MRS. J. H. STANDIFER HERE FROM LAMESA FOR OPERATION

Mrs. J. H. Standifer, from Lamesa, is here for an operation in one of the Lubbock hospitals. This family for many years resided in Lubbock County, but have been away for some time and Mr. Standifer, stated that the town had grown and improved till he hardly recognized it.

Rev. Branham who has been conducting a meeting for Rev. Hendricks at Slaton, was in Lubbock Wednesday looking after some business. Rev. Branham reports great interest in being taken in the meeting.

W. G. Murray of Abilene, was a visitor to Lubbock yesterday, looking after some business matters.

Pioneer Cow Man Died Suddenly Wednesday

James Mallard died here yesterday in a local sanitarium after only a few days illness. His death was a surprise to his many friends, as very few knew of him being ill. For many years the deceased has followed the cattle business in this part of the country, and for several years was proprietor of a blacksmith shop in this city. For the past three years Mr. Mallard has been foreman of the Gordon ranch in Terry county. Deceased leaves many friends and loved ones to mourn his death. He is survived by a wife and four children, mother and father, one brother and five sisters. Funeral services were held at the Mallard home at 3 o'clock Wednesday, conducted by Rev. W. A. Bowen, and interment made in the Lubbock Cemetery.

G. C. Barrier Left This Week for Wholesale Market

G. C. Barrier, general manager of Barrier Brothers Department Store, left this week for New York, via steamer from Galveston, to study new fashions in women's apparel for fall and to purchase a large stock of fall goods for the local store.

He will be gone for several weeks, visiting all the leading dress, skirt and coat designers of the East on his trip.

According to word from the large manufacturing centers, the fashions in women's apparel this fall will be more attractive than any put out since the war. All of the larger concerns making women's dresses, skirts and coats have had time to readjust since the big price drop of the last year and it is reported that some unusual values will be put on the market this season.

By visiting the larger producers personally Mr. Barrier expects to reap the full benefit of this change in obtaining the latest fashions at the best prices obtainable.

GRAND JURY WILL RECONVENE MONDAY, JULY 18TH

The grand jury will reconvene Monday, July 18th. It is expected they will be in session all week, as there are many things of minor importance to be investigated. So far only seven indictments have been returned, four of which were misdemeanors, and three felonies.

PROMINENT FLOYD COUNTY MEN ATTEND CONVENTION

A. A. Beedy and Jno. W. Howard, prominent farmers of Floyd County, were in attendance at the Farmers' Union Convention this week. Mr. Howard, was formerly County Judge of Floyd County, but is now busily engaged in looking after his large farming interests in that section. Mr. Beedy is also engaged in farming, and is the owner of the Beedy farm, one mile south of Floydada, considered one of the model farms of the Plains. Both of these gentlemen were greatly pleased with the success of the convention, and spoke highly of the hospitality shown them while visitors in our city.

CUMBERLAND MEETING IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

The meeting at the Cumberland church is moving along nicely, according to the pastor, Rev. A. C. Collins. He says they are having a good old fashioned revival. Have had a number of conversions and some reclamations, and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend services at 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. The regular services will be held during Sunday.

POST MAN NEARLY BLINDED BY FLY POWDER IN EYES

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gonnell of Post City, formerly proprietors of the Alhambra Hotel at that place have been in Lubbock the past ten days, while Mr. Gonnell was receiving treatment from one of our local eye specialists. Mr. Gonnell had the misfortune sometime ago, while dusting fly powder about the room to have some of it blown in his eyes. It was first thought total blindness would be the result, but we are glad to report the vision has been partially restored and in time it is thought the improvement will continue.

C. M. Wilhoit of the Martins Bakery is having plans made for a five room bungalow at 14th and Ave. Q. Mr. Wilhoit states that he expects the house to be complete by September first.

If We Want the Weeds Cut We Will Have to Cut 'Em—City Short of Money

The City of Lubbock has a weed cutting ordinance, but this is the way it works, according to information given out by Curtis A. Keen, at the Rotary Meeting last Wednesday when the question was brought up.

Mr. Keen says: "Lubbock has a weed cutting Ordinance. The Health Officer can declare the weeds a nuisance and order them cut, the city has a right to cut them and charge the expense up to the property, holding it against the title to the property, but it cannot be collected until the property is sold, which might be in 1924 or '28, which means that the city must tie up its finances in that way, and as it would require approximately \$1,000 to cut the weeds on vacant property in Lubbock, this is out of the question with the city. They haven't the money to spend in that way. The Chamber of Commerce hasn't the money to spend that way, neither has the Rotary Club, or the Federation of Clubs, so the question revolves right back to the original proposition." It is up to the civic pride of the individuals to cut the weeds or have them cut.

Since it has reverted back to this state of affairs, it is up to each of us to assume the responsibility of keeping the town clear of weeds by seeing that the weeds are cut, not only around our place of business, but reach out and clean off another block or two. This could be done, and if our people will get busy on the weed cutting in a systematic way it will not be long till the town will take on an entirely different appearance.

We will meet this kind of opposition before this article has been read through that "I am not going to cut the weeds off of some other fellow's property." Well, if there was a den of rattlesnakes on that other fellow's property that threatened the life of your children you would not wait fifteen minutes to make a raid on them and exterminate them, yet they might be there for a year and never bite one of your children, and the weeds may be the cause of one or more of them contracting some sort of disease that will transplant them in the cemetery and you will have another plot of ground that you will have to keep the weeds cut off and plant flowers on. There is no question that aside from the general appearance of the community, the weeds are a menace to the health of the community and should by all means be removed.

If we want the weeds cut, we will have to cut 'em!

Heavy Hog Shipper Declares the Panhandle Country Is the Best Hog Raising Country in the World

"The Panhandle of Texas is the best hog raising country in the world," declared L. S. Palmer, familiarly known as "Hog" Palmer, who left Amarillo early Thursday morning with fifteen carload of hogs for California markets.

Mr. Palmer owns and operates a ten-acre hog ranch at Canadian and has been shipping the animals from that city for the past ten years. He has been in the hog business for 28 years and believes that he has shipped more hogs than any other man of his age.

Nine cars of hogs shipped out last Thursday morning will go to Los Angeles packers and six cars will go to San Francisco. The shipment averages 95 hogs to the car, and with another shipment of four cars in the same train belonging to Strader and Whitley of Canadian, more than 1,800 head were shipped. Mr. Palmer expects to load out at least 300 cars this season, and while on the present trip he will look into the matter of watering and icing the cars through the Arizona desert.

The hog train left early Thursday morning over the Santa Fe and additional cars will be added to the train enroute, and Mr. Palmer expects a solid train of thirty cars of hogs to leave Clovis. The hogs in the shipment will average 165 pounds and are considered a very choice lot. In discussing the Panhandle as a hog country, Mr. Palmer was very

enthusiastic. He declared that he has paid out approximately \$150,000 for hogs in the past four months, and by way of emphasis, he declared that the "hog" money was the best money in the world, and it all stayed at home.

"Why, there is enough garbage in Amarillo, if properly conserved, to fatten 4000 hogs every year," declared Mr. Palmer. "Hogs can be turned every three months and 1000 head can be kept on garbage feed the year around," he continued.

"The city of Wichita Kansas, is maintaining from 1800 to 2500 hogs on its garbage, and by turning them every three months there are from 7000 to 10,000 hogs fattened every year."

Mr. Palmer declared he could buy a section anywhere in the Panhandle, take ten brood sows and ten milk cows and pay for it in five years. He expressed surprise at the indifference displayed in the hog market and added that "if the people would raise hogs and establish a production he would have a man in Amarillo to provide a top market."

"The Santa Fe or the Rock Island should by all means establish a regular weekly hog special," he continued, "for California will have to depend upon Texas for its meat for the next fifteen months, and there will be a demand for four or five cars of veal a week in addition to the hog demands."—Amarillo Tribune.

The Lubbock Country is Well Adapted to the Dairying Industry and Much More Attention Should Be Given Dairy Herd

Joe Hess, one of our most prominent real estate men and secretary of the Lubbock Building and Loan Association, gives us some good pointers on the South Plains making an ideal dairy farming country. "Every thing can be said in favor of dairy farming in this part of the country, and absolutely nothing against," said Mr. Hess. The first reason that this enterprise can be made the leading industry on the South Plains is our long growing seasons, and room for grazing on inexpensive pastures, and the fact that every grain and product will grow here that is necessary to produce the largest amount of butterfat. While in the place of using our own product to an advantage that will net one hundred per cent more profit fed to a dairy herd, we ship the product to other states which profit highly. Some may say that milk is much cheaper here than in Illinois, and other states that lead in dairy farming, but it is not. The price however, is probably set in Elgin, Illinois, but we have the same advantage of the price, and butter-

fat is worth as much in Lubbock as in Chicago, or any other Eastern city. Therefore, it is an evident fact that the farmer can profit more here running a dairy herd on land valued at \$15 and \$40 per acre than the man in Illinois, who runs a herd on land valued at two or three hundred dollars per acre.

We notice in the Dallas News where W. J. Jackson and his two sons have recently fed a bunch of calves on cotton seed and maize. The last 80 days the calves were fed, they gained three and one-half pounds per day, and if cattle will fatten on these two home-grown feeds at the rate of three and one-half pounds per day, it is bound to be one of the best milk producers.

There is going to be a first class creamery in Lubbock this fall that will take care of all the cream produced in the surrounding country. So now it is up to the farmer to produce the goods and Lubbock will take care of the rest. In the future lets try to ship our product away in fat and not ship it away to fatten.

E. A. Valpire, of Corpus Christi, passed through Lubbock recently on his way to Colorado, where he will open the remainder of the summer sight-seeing and fishing.

DELEGATES BEGAN TO DEPART ON THE NOON TRAINS TODAY

TODAY'S SESSION PRINCIPALLY OCCUPIED BY ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION—LUBBOCK COUNTY MAN IS HONORED BY ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP ON EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Tuesday Session (From Tuesday's Extra)

The farmers are here. They are here from every portion of the state in attendance upon the State Convention, which convened this morning, and will hold a three days session. The advance guards arrived Monday, and the executive body established quarters at the Merrill Hotel, where they will maintain their headquarters during the three days here in convention business.

The attendance Tuesday morning was not quite up to the expectation of the officials of the convention, however, owing to the railroad connections getting them to this point there was a good representation at the first session, and many more came in on the noon and afternoon trains, and by this evening it is expected that the attendance will be greatly increased. Owing to the exceedingly busy season of the year in this section, when many farmers are in their wheat fields, the attendance will not be as heavy as first expected, but the fact that representatives are here from every quarter of the state, the meeting will no doubt be a great success and extremely beneficial.

The first session of the State Convention of the Farmers' Union was held in the First Methodist church this morning at 10:00 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the president, who introduced Rev. J. T. Griswold, pastor of the church, who assured the visitors from far and near, that the Methodist people of this city counted it a great privilege to be able to offer them the use of the Methodist church for assembly purposes, and told them to feel at ease in the building, use it, and make themselves comfortable there while in the city. President Lydie in behalf of the Union, expressed appreciation for the use of the building, and announced that the meeting this morning was merely a preliminary one, and that the regular meeting would be held at one-thirty in the afternoon.

In the morning session the roll was called and delegates seated, which showed that a large number of the delegates had not yet arrived, but were expected to show up during the day. The several committees were appointed as follows:

Resolution Committee—F. I. Townsend, Scurry County; F. L. Gillespie, Crosby County; A. K. Huckleberry, Fisher County; W. D. Lewis, Coryell County; J. P. Lane, Cherokee County; James W. Beard, Lamar County; J. D. Henderson, Knox County.

Committee on Good of the Order:—J. B. Adams, Lubbock County; J. W. Howard, Floyd County; William Holzapfel, DeWitt County; L. E. Tomlin, Clay County; W. J. Burkhardt, Lynn County; J. W. Grayson, Crosby County; Ed A. Doss, Milam County.

Committee on Crop Conditions:—W. D. Lewis, Coryell County; Chairman; P. J. Trechaleh, Burleson County; J. H. Lehman, Washington County; H. C. Edler, Crosby County; J. D. Garner, Dawson County; J. J. Kuck, DeWitt County; A. A. Beedy, Floyd County; J. J. Sullivan, Fayette County; A. D. Bradshaw, Lavaca County; C. H. Thompson, Lavaca County; J. D. Williams, Limestone County; T. A. Dyess, Lubbock County; S. W. Ellis, Lynn County; Rudolf Von Gonten, Milam County; T. L. Parker, Swisher County; F. S. Roundtree, Briscoe County; W. R. Butt, Tom Green County; John Chapman, Fannin County; J. W. Gregg, Cherokee County; W. E. Gould, Reeves County.

These committees at once returned to their rooms and began their work. The President then announced a recess till 1:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session began at 1:45. Rev. J. T. Griswold offered the invocation, after which Mayor Parks in a few words expressed words of welcome to the Farmers' Union Convention to the city. He said that he considered it a great honor to have these farmers bring their state convention to the West, and especially to the hub of the Plains—Lubbock, and assured the visitors that it was the wish of the people of this country that they enjoy thoroughly every moment while here. He assured them that they need not be uneasy of being "run in," while in the city, for all of the Policemen had been sent on a fishing trip, so "just make yourselves at home."

J. B. Adams, President of the County Farmers' Union, and extended the borders of the city to cover the entire county, and wanted the boys of the convention to feel the welcome throughout the county, and we are sure that he expressed the feeling of every farmer present, and that the visitors will receive a cordial welcome wherever they go in the

West and especially in the Lubbock country.

F. I. Townsend, President of the Wichita Valley District Farmers' Union, responded to the addresses of welcome in his usual easy and forceful manner, and gave the people of Lubbock to understand that the Farmers' Convention considered it a great opportunity to come to the great West with their meeting as we appreciated them being here, and expected to enjoy the entire three days of their stay in the city. That he had been here before and knew how well the people of the Plains could treat visitors, and the other members of the Convention would soon find it out if they had not already. He spoke along important lines regarding the mission of the Farmers' Union of which we shall have more to say tomorrow.

Senator Bledsoe followed with an able address, but the hour of going to press prevents any details of his address, but it was greatly enjoyed, and was given in the true spirit of a faithful representative in the Senate.

R. A. Baldwin, representative in the lower house was next introduced and gave considerable discussion of the need of more laws for the protection of the farmers and fewer "foolish laws," and pledged his support to the farmers interests while in the Legislature.

Senator Burkett was slated for a speech, but court duties prevented him being present, and at the hour of going to press the President of the Union, is delivering his annual address a report of which will appear in tomorrow's paper.

Wednesday Session (From Wednesday's Extra)

The second day of the Farmers' Union Convention brought an increased number of delegates and speakers to the Convention. One speaker stated he had just finished a seven hundred mile trip in order to reach Lubbock yesterday afternoon on the one-forty-five train.

The convention went into session this morning at ten o'clock, with only members of the Union being admitted.

O. F. Dornblaser, of Cleburne, who is National Lecturer for Iowa, was the first speaker on the program, being slated for ten o'clock. He is a very able speaker, and has had many years experience in the work of the Union. He is more than eighty years old, according to the introductory remarks of the President when this gentleman arrived yesterday afternoon, and was introduced to the Convention.

F. I. Townsend, President of the Wichita Valley District Union, who spoke yesterday in response to the welcome address, was heard by the Union members this morning at 11 o'clock, during which time he discussed the Marketing plans at length and much to the benefit of the Union members. Mr. Townsend is well known in this section, having been instrumental in aiding many of the farmers in this section to dispose of their cotton last year at a price considerably above the price offered them on the local markets, and he has addressed the farmers on a number of different occasions, and his address this morning was none the less interesting than his former speeches, and was greatly appreciated by the Union members, who heard him.

The convention adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

While the various committees are hard at work on their reports the balance of the Union members were enjoying good speaking and getting some valuable pointers to carry back home with them to their local unions. The first speaker in the afternoon was Hon. A. C. Davis, National Secretary of the Union. Mr. Davis' home is in Gayitte, Arkansas, and he is one of the leading Farmers Union men in the United States. His address was full of good for the farmers and the cause of the Farmers' Union. Mr. Davis is an enthusiastic speaker, and full of his subject, and one cannot hear him without becoming interested in the work that he is doing.

Following Mr. Davis, Hon. E. F. Shropshire, manager of the Cotton Division Texas Farm Bureau Federation and American Cotton Association, addressed the Convention, and brought a great message to his hearers on conditions of the market and the work of his department.

This address closed the session of the Convention for the day, and the members were taken for an auto drive through the rural districts, to see more of the Lubbock County crops and farms, and we are sure this part of the program was enjoyed about as much as any.

Tonight at 8 o'clock, there will be a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Farmers Exchange.

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